



Current affairs MCQs 09-09-2023

Ques:1

Nomadic Elephant recently seen in news, is the military exercise between

- a) USA and UK b) India and UK c) UK and UAE d) India and Mongolia

Correct Answer: d

It is a joint military exercise between India and Mongolia. The aim of the Nomadic Elephant exercise is to train the army troops in counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency operations, under United Nations (UN) mandate. One of the visions of the exercise Nomadic Elephant is to promote defence cooperation and enhance military relations between the two army forces of the countries.

Ques:2

Consider the following statements with reference to Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary

1. Cauvery wildlife sanctuary is located in the state of Tamil Nadu.
2. The area is drained by three rivers, namely, Cauvery, Arkavathi and Shimsha.
3. Sambar Deer listed as critically endangered in IUCN Red list can be found here.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only one b) Only two c) All three d) None

Correct Answer: a

Cauvery wildlife sanctuary is extended over three districts, namely, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Ramanagara in Karnataka. The sanctuary provides a vital link between Bannerghatta National Park in the north and BRT Tiger Reserve and Male Mahadev Hills Wildlife Sanctuary in the south. The area is drained by three rivers, namely, Cauvery, Arkavathi and Shimsha. The Sambar (*Rusa unicolor*) is a large deer native to the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia. Their range is distributed from the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains across southern Asia and reaching the islands of Taiwan, Sumatra and Borneo.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/researchers-discover-white-sambar-in-cauvery-wildlife-sanctuary/article67276939.ece>

Ques:3

Consider the following statements about Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Scheme

1. It provides financial support of up to 60% of the capital cost as budgetary support in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF).
2. The entire VGF for this scheme will be borne by the Central Government.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: b

The scheme aims to provide clean, reliable, and affordable electricity to the citizens. The scheme envisages development of 4,000 MWh of BESS projects by 2030-31, with a financial support of up to 40% of the capital cost as budgetary support in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF). The entire VGF of Rs. 3,760 crore for this scheme will be borne by the Central Government.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/govt-okays-3760-cr-for-up-to-40-viability-gap-funding-for-4000-mwh-battery-energy-storage-system/article67277079.ece>

Ques:4

Consider the following with respect to 'One Future Alliance' (OFA)

1. It is an initiative of India and UNEP.
2. It is a part of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) partnership.
3. It enables countries to innovate using existing open-source customizable stacks for their own and the world's future.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one b) Only two c) All three d) None

Correct Answer: b

'One Future Alliance' (OFA) is a voluntary initiative proposed by the G20 India Presidency with support from UNDP and its knowledge partners. It aims to unite governments, the private sector, academia, donor agencies, civil



society, and other stakeholders to enhance global efforts in the DPI ecosystem. Digital public infrastructure (DPI) is a shared means to many ends. It is a critical enabler of digital transformation and is helping to improve public service delivery at scale.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/transcript-of-ptis-exclusive-interview-with-prime-minister-narendra-modi/article67266390.ece>

Ques:5

Consider the following statements with reference to Malaviya Mission:

1. It is a government initiative aimed at promoting education and skill development in rural communities, particularly focusing on empowering women and marginalized populations through access to quality education and vocational training.
2. The capacity building under the Mission will be mapped to the credit framework to ensure career progression pathways for educators.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: b

Malaviya Mission aims to provide tailored training programmes for teachers and to improve the capacity building of faculty members in higher educational institutions.

The capacity building under the Mission will be mapped to the credit framework to ensure career progression pathways for educators.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/teachers-day-75-teachers-receive-national-awards/article67274106.ece>